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Dear Michael Powell,

I write today to discourage you from mandating adoption of "broadcast flag" technology for digital television. As a consumer and citizen, I feel strongly that such a policy would be bad for innovation, consumer rights, and the ultimate adoption of DTV.

I am looking forward to upgrading our home entertainment center through the next couple of years, in synch with broadcasters' transition to DTV. I am amazed that the big studios, by way of this technology, are attempting to put limits on the engineering and feature sets of DTV receivers and output equipment. I'd like to be able to view my favorite TV shows, the way my wife and I want to watch them, in the privacy of my home.

If the FCC issues a broadcast flag mandate, I personally would delay purchasing such equipment. When such equipment becomes necessary to receive and view television, I think many consumers will attempt to find ways to circumvent the technology, and some will probably eliminate it from their lives. Please do not mandate broadcast flag technology for digital television.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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